



# Senate Budget Committee APPROPRIATIONS UPDATE

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## **S. 1391, INTERIOR & RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS BILL for FISCAL YEAR 2004**

### **Summary:**

The bill provides \$19.627 billion in discretionary budget authority and \$64 million in mandatory spending for the Department of the Interior and related agencies.

| INTERIOR DISCRETIONARY APPROPRIATIONS |                  |                     |                  |                  |
|---------------------------------------|------------------|---------------------|------------------|------------------|
|                                       | 2003 SPENDING    | President's Request | 302B             | S. 1391          |
| <b>BA</b>                             | \$19.472 billion | \$19.555 billion    | \$19.627 billion | \$19.627 billion |
| <b>OUTLAYS</b>                        | \$18.340 billion | \$19.266 billion    | \$19.363 billion | \$19.359 billion |

### **Analysis:**

S. 1391 is about a 1-percent increase in discretionary budget authority over the FY03 appropriations bill. The bill is consistent with the Fiscal Year 2004 Budget Resolution and the President's budget request. There are no budget points of order against the bill.

### **Noteworthy:**

The Administration has issued a veto threat if the final version of the bill shuts down the President's Competitive Sourcing initiative, which is designed to improve government performance by injecting public-private competition into the government's commercial activities. Although no such provision was included in the committee-reported bill, amendments are expected.

An amendment is expected that would add \$559 million in emergency funding for fire suppression to help make up for \$853 million borrowed to date by Interior and the Forest Service. The supplemental attached to the Legislative Branch appropriations bill will include \$294 million for repayment of these loans (an addition \$30 million is included in the supplemental for emergency evacuation routes - for a total of \$324), leaving a balance of \$559 million.

## Highlights:

- \$847 million for *BLM management of land and resources*. This is \$19 million more than the President's request and \$27 million more than the 2003 enacted level;
- \$699 million for *BLM wildland fire management*. This is the same as the President's request and a decrease of \$140 million from the 2003 enacted level.
- \$230 million for *PILT (Payment in Lieu of Taxes)*. This is \$30 million above the President's request and \$12 million above the 2003 enacted level.
- \$942 million for Fish and Wildlife Service (*FWS*) *Resource Management*. This is \$718,000 above the President's request and \$31 million above the 2003 enacted level.
- \$1.6 billion for the *Operation of the National Park System*. This is \$4 million above the President's request and \$72 million over the 2003 enacted level.
- \$929 million for the *USGS surveys, investigations, and research*. This is \$33 million above the President's request and \$10 million above the 2003 enacted level.
- \$1.9 billion for BIA *operation of indian programs*. This is \$22 million more than the President's request and \$67 million above the 2003 enacted level.
- \$351 million for BIA *construction*. This is \$6 million above the President's request and \$5 million above the 2003 level.
- \$1.4 billion for FS *National Forest System*. This is \$1.0 million above the President's request and \$17 million above the 2003 enacted levels.
- \$1.5 billion for FS *Wildland fire management*. This is \$1 million above the President's request and \$ 464 million below the 2003 enacted level.
- \$594 million for DOE *Fossil Energy research* and development. This is \$79 million above the President's request and \$27 million below the 2003 enacted level.
- \$862 million for DOE *energy conservation*. This is a \$14 million less than the President's request and \$30 million less than the 2003 enacted level.
- \$2.6 billion for HHS *Indian Health Service*. This is \$44 million more than the President's request and \$70 million above the 2003 enacted level.